



RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 1 SHELTER COVE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

*Electric, Water, Sewer, Fire Protection, Search & Rescue,
Airport, Golf Links, Recreation*

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

UTILITY FEE ADJUSTMENTS STILL BEING DISCUSSED

Board discussions and possible action regarding adjustments to utility connection fees and monthly utility fees will continue this spring. Please watch the District's website the monthly Board meeting agenda. The public is encouraged to attend meetings and provide comments.

Utility Emergency Number:

If you are experiencing an after-hours utility emergency, please call the District's on-call pager at 707-223-1225. This is the fastest way to alert the on-call District utility staff for response.

Road Condition Reporting:

Please help us with reporting needed road patching and culvert repairs to the County by calling the Public Works dispatcher to report the location 707-445-7421.

Report Airport Airspace Violations:

If you need to file a complaint with the FAA regarding pilot safety and the use of the Shelter Cove Airport please contact the Oakland Flight Standards District Office:

Phone # 510 748-0122 Fax 510-748-9559

or use the following link:
https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/oak/contact/

Cove Area Senior Outreach (CASO):

A group of local residents has partnered with the Healey Senior Center to deliver senior meals to our community at \$5 per meal. If you or a neighbor is interested in such a service, or if you can help with the service or sponsor a senior, please contact the District office.

Holiday Announcement:

The District offices will close on Monday, February 17th, 2020 in observance of Presidents Day.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The District is looking for a part-time employee to work an average of 19 hours per week. The job includes but is not limited to cleaning various District facilities such as the Clubhouse, District Offices, Wastewater Treatment and Water Plant. The applicant must have a valid CA driver's license and be able to pass a pre-employment physical and drug and alcohol screening. A general description of the job and an application is available on the District's website or can be picked up from the District office.

Meter Clearing Time:

Vegetation is growing rapidly this time of year and can make reading meters difficult. Please take time to look at your meters and make them easily accessible. If a meter cannot be readily seen by our meter reader, it may result in a delay in billing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Visible House Numbers:

The Fire Department requests that all house numbers be highly visible from the street. In emergency situations precious time is lost trying to identify the location of homes.

Emergency Disaster Preparedness Committee Meetings Schedule:

The RID and Shelter Cove Fire Department have organized a series of Emergency disaster planning meetings to be held in the Fire Station Meeting Hall. The committee meeting will meet on the first or second Friday of each month at 1:30 PM. Please bring your ideas and obtain knowledge to help us all stay safe.

COMMENTS: We encourage your comments, so please use your bill stub to provide feedback regarding matters within the District's control.



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Dear Residents and Property Owners –

Recently I was contacted by a resident who requested that I write to the community about house lights being left on at night and the impacts to quality of life that results in such actions. I must confess. For the last month I've been leaving outside lights on at my home in an effort to prevent property crimes and deter potential criminal behavior. I reflect on this decision each night as the sun goes down.

Like many in our community I value dark skies. I value the magnificent Milky Way. I enjoy sharing that strip of stars with friends and family who live in urban areas and live for much of their lives without getting to see and experience our galaxy like we do in Shelter Cove. I also know that many of us are doing what seems reasonable and prudent...leave outside lights on when its dark and provide some sort of criminal deterrent.

Our options seem limited. Help from the Sherriff's office feels too distant too often. What can we do?

Please trust...please trust that we, as in this community, can talk to each other and work together. We can talk to each other to develop neighborhood based strategies to improve criminal deterrence while attempting to limit light and other disturbances that limits the community's ability to enjoy the very things that bring us here...the very things (Dark Skies) that keep us here. Outside lighting can be directed (with shading) and controlled (with motion sensors) to better deliver deterrence and maintain quality of life.

I encourage each one of us to talk with our neighbors. We must talk with our neighbors again and again to develop a better understanding of each other so that we may effectively address our challenges. This District is your resource. This District can provide the space and/or structure for neighborhood conversations that move from problems to solutions.

Your District is engaged with our Supervisor and with the County's Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Works, Building & Planning (Code Enforcement) and Department of Health and Human Services to provide for a safe and sustainable community. Stay engaged, remain engaged, work with your Resort Improvement District and we will get where we need to go with patience and a commitment to each other.

For more information about Dark Skies and what lighting techniques and types help improve Dark Skies please visit <https://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting/>

Be safe and do take care,

Justin